

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
OCTOBER 18, 2016

Mayor James D. Lienhoop called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Justin White with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lienhoop.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Elaine Wagner, Frank Jerome, Timothy Shuffett, Laurie Booher, and Thomas Dell were present. Frank Miller was absent.
- D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on October 4, 2016 as presented. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Councilor Shuffett made a motion to suspend the rules of order to hear items A, B, and C under New Business prior to Unfinished Business. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION NO. 27, 2016 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. 25-2016, THE DECLARATION OF A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS PROPOSED TO BE AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND QUALIFYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT." (REALAMERICA DEVELOPMENT, LLC) Robin Hilber, Communications and Program Coordinator for Community Development, presented this resolution. She introduced Mike Lang, Development Associate with RealAmerica Development, LLC. Robin explained a declaratory resolution of an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) was approved at the October 4, 2016 Council meeting. The property being considered for redevelopment is located at 25th and Midway Streets, formerly known as Helton's Garden Center. Robin stated this resolution is requesting confirmation of the area as an ERA. RealAmerica Development, LLC plans to build 70 affordable senior rental housing units. Mike Lang displayed a powerpoint presentation showing photographs of similar housing projects developed by RealAmerica. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the resolution as presented. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION NO. 28, 2016 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR PROPERTY TAX

ABATEMENT IN A DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1, *ET. SEQ.* AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FORM (Form SB-1 / Real Property)." (REALAMERICA DEVELOPMENT, LLC) Robin Hilber presented this resolution for tax abatement. She explained RealAmerica Development, LLC is requesting a tax abatement on approximately six acres located at 25th and Midway Streets. Robin stated RealAmerica Development, LLC intends to build 70 affordable senior rental housing units. RealAmerica plans to apply for Indiana tax credits and are requesting a tax abatement. Councilor Shuffett stated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the October 4, 2016 Council meeting and found RealAmerica Development, LLC's application to be in substantial compliance. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Bunch made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2016, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY." (7th – Sycamore Alley Vacation) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance. He explained this request is related to a redevelopment project of the former St. Bartholomew Catholic Church property. Jeff stated the request is to vacate an alley located on the east side of Sycamore Street, north of 7th Street. He displayed a map of the area. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 32, 2016, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM I1 (INDUSTRIAL: LIGHT) TO CC (COMMERCIAL: COMMUNITY CENTER)." (CPI Holdings Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this ordinance. He explained CPI Holdings are seeking a rezoning from Industrial: Light (I1) to Commercial: Community Center (CC) on 4.27 acres of property located at 21 South National Road. Jeff displayed the decision criteria, as well as photographs of the area. He stated the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded this to the Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of ten (10) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and zero (0) opposed. Councilor Bunch abstained from voting.
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2016, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT OBJECTIONS TO THE 2017 BUDGET AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S FINDINGS OF FACTS AS PRESENTED." Jamie Brinegar, Director of Finance, Operations and Risk, presented this resolution. He provided Council and members of the public with copies of the City's Administrative Response to a Petition Objecting to the 2017 Budget. Jamie discussed in detail the City's Administration Findings and Conclusions. Mayor Lienhoop referenced State guidelines regarding the process in responding to the

petition of objection and opened the meeting for public comment. Russ Poling, Sr., 2915 Sassafras Lane, questioned the proposed tax rate discussed at the October 4, 2016 Council meeting. Dave Jones, 319 15th Street, expressed opposition to the City's Administrative Findings. Glen Petri, 1614 27th Street, objected to the budget and the cost of living increase for employees. Kristen Brown, 918 Shorewood Court, expressed concerns about the budget, as well as truth and transparency. Sherry Stark, 4320 Washington Street, spoke in favor of the budget and thanked Council members, City staff, and members of the public for the time spent on the budget. Mayor Lienhoop closed the meeting for public comment. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the resolution as presented. Councilor Wagner seconded the motion. Much discussion followed. Mayor Lienhoop called for a vote. Resolution passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Councilor Booher voted nay.

- C. Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of an Ordinance entitled, "ORDINANCE NO. 33, 2016, AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2017." Jamie Brinegar presented this salary ordinance by detailing the budget timeline and discussing highlights of the proposed 2017 budget. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Dave Jones, 319 5th Street, questioned whether this was the Mayor's budget or a budget of the Finance Director. Mayor Lienhoop stated it was his budget. Glen Petri, 1614 27th Street, objected to Council passing a cost of living increase for employees. Kristen Brown, 918 Shorewood Court, questioned the total budget amount. Discussion followed. Russ Poling, Sr., 2915 Sassafras Lane, questioned equipment for the Fire Department. Mayor Lienhoop closed the meeting for public comment. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the budget ordinance. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Lienhoop read a prepared statement.

IV. New Business Requiring Council Action

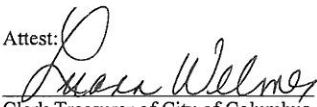
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 30, 2016, A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE NUMBER OF NON-TRANSFERABLE RIVERBOAT DEVELOPMENT LIQUOR LICENSES PERMITS WITHIN THE RIVERFRONT DISTRICT." Heather Pope, Columbus Redevelopment Commission Director, presented this resolution. She stated the request is to increase the Riverfront District liquor license permits from ten (10) to fifteen (15). Heather explained that in 2009 the City created the Columbus Riverfront District to promote economic development in the downtown area. Discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Bunch made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

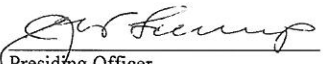
V. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Mayor Lienhoop announced the Columbus Municipal Airport was awarded Indiana Airport of the Year by the Aviation Association of Indiana.
- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**

- C. Mayor Lienhoop allowed time for public comments.
- D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 P.M

Attest:


Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus


Presiding Officer